

**REMARKS:**

Entry of the Amendment made herein prior to examination is requested. A typographical error is corrected in the specification. No new matter is added. Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

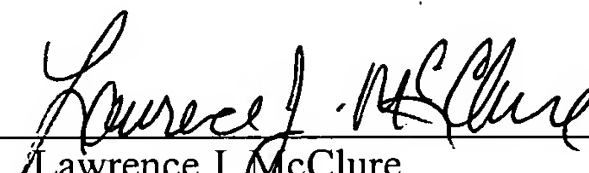
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6810 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,  
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